

5 Claims

I claim:

1. A golf tee apparatus comprising:

10 an elongated sleeve member having a cavity and an aperture for accessing the cavity, a pointed base section for inserting the sleeve member into the ground, wherein the aperture is formed at one end of the sleeve member and the pointed base section is disposed at the opposite end of the sleeve member, wherein a crimped portion is disposed at a location between the aperture and the 15 pointed base section, wherein the sleeve portion is constructed of a resilient but flexible material.

2. The golf tee apparatus as recited in Claim 1, further including a tee member including a stem portion and a circular head portion opposite the stem portion, said 20 circular head portion having a ball supporting surface to accommodate a golf ball, wherein the stem portion is tightly received within the cavity of the sleeve member so that the tee member is supported in a stable, vertically elevated position.

3. The golf tee apparatus as recited in Claim 2, wherein the tee member is 25 constructed of a wood material.

4. The golf tee apparatus as recited in Claim 2, wherein the tee member is constructed of a plastic material.

30 5. The golf tee apparatus as recited in Claim 2, wherein the sleeve member bends at the location when a golf club strikes the golf ball positioned on the ball supporting surface in order to minimize the friction between the golf ball and the ball supporting surface at impact.

5 6. A flexible golf tee comprising:
 an elongated member having a circular head portion disposed on a first end of
 the elongated member, a pointed base section disposed at a second end of the
 elongated member, said pointed base section for inserting the elongated member into
 the ground, said circular head portion having a ball-supporting surface to accommodate
10 a golf ball, and a crimped portion disposed at a location between the pointed base
 section and the circular head portion, wherein the elongated member bends at the
 location when a golf club strikes the golf ball positioned on the ball-supporting surface
 in order to minimize the friction between the golf ball and the ball-supporting surface at
 impact, wherein the elongated member is constructed of a resilient but flexible material.

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7. A golf tee apparatus designed to minimize friction between the golf ball and the
 golf tee at impact, the golf tee apparatus comprising:
 an elongated sleeve member having a cavity for receiving the golf tee and an
 aperture for accessing the cavity,
20 a pointed base section for inserting the sleeve member into the ground,
 a crimped portion disposed at a location between the aperture and the pointed
 base section,
 wherein the sleeve member bends at the location when a golf club strikes the
 golf ball positioned on the tee,
25 wherein the sleeve portion is constructed of a resilient but flexible material.

8. The golf tee apparatus as recited in Claim 7, further including a tee member
 comprising a stem portion and a circular head portion opposite the stem portion, said
 circular head portion having a ball supporting surface to accommodate a golf ball,
30 wherein the stem portion is tightly received within the cavity of the sleeve member so
 that the tee member is supported in a stable, vertically elevated position.

9. The golf tee apparatus as recited in Claim 8, wherein the tee member is
 constructed of a wood material.

5 10. The golf tee apparatus as recited in Claim 8, wherein the tee member is
constructed of a plastic material.

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